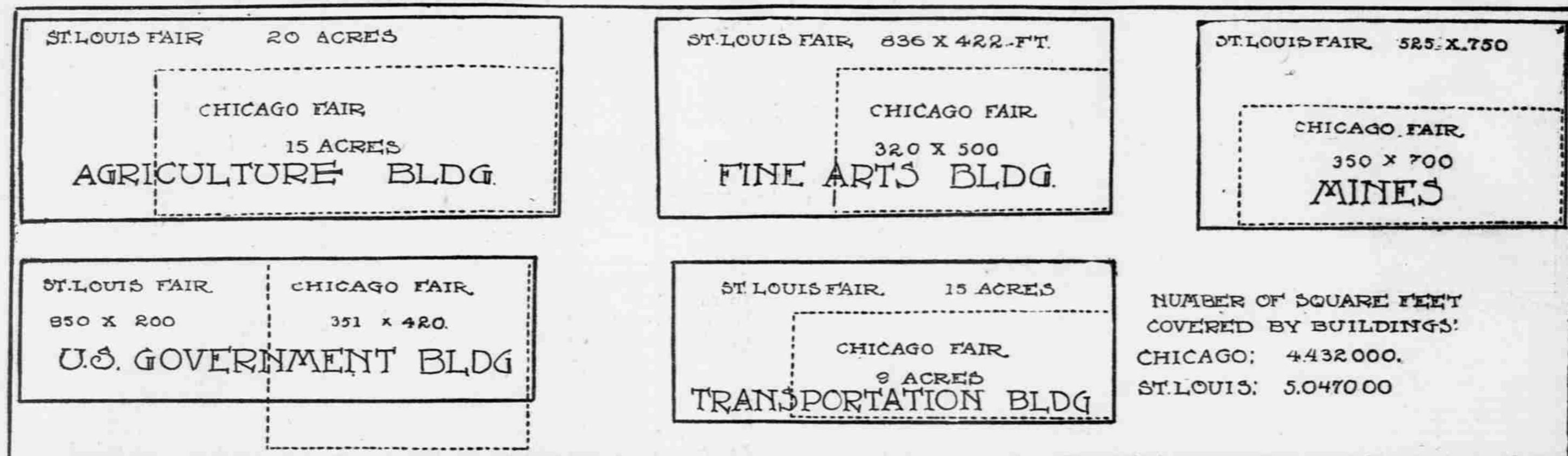


NINETY-FIFTH YEAR.

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Dedication Plans—Chicago and St. Louis Fairs Compared



Striking Instances of the Comparative Greatness of the St. Louis World's Fair, Using Five Buildings and the Grand Total of Building Area as Examples.

CONTRASTING ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO FAIR FIGURES.

Comparison With Chicago in 1893 Is the Best Test of the Vastness of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Every Square Foot of the Space Is Already Applied For, Showing Not Only That the Dimensions Will Be the Greatest in History, but That the Exhib-its Will Be Selected From the Best, Most Modern and Unique.

The World's Great Fairs in Area.

London, 1851 . . . 21 acres
Paris, 1867 37 acres

Philadelphia, 1876 . 56 acres
Paris, 1889 75 acres

Chicago, 1893 . . 658 acres
Paris, 1900 . . . 299 acres

ST. LOUIS, 1904, 1180 ACRES

From every point of view the St. Louis Exposition will be greater than the Columbian Exposition at Chicago. Taking the grand total of ground area, the Chicago Exposition showed for buildings 4,432,304 square feet. The St. Louis Exposition will have a ground area for buildings of 5,047,697 square feet.

The great Agricultural building at the St. Louis World's Fair will cover 20 acres and cost \$600,000. The Agricultural building at Chicago covered 15 acres and cost \$691,000.

The Fine Arts building at St. Louis will cover ground space 836x422 feet and will cost \$945,000. The Fine Arts building at Chicago covered 320x500 feet and cost \$670,500.

The Mines building at the St. Louis Fair will cover 525x750 feet and will cost \$400,000. The Mines building at Chicago covered 350x700 feet and cost \$266,500.

The United States Government building at the St. Louis Fair will cover 850x200 feet, will cost \$450,000. The United States Government building at the Chicago World's Fair covered 351x421 feet, cost \$400,000.

At the St. Louis World's Fair practically every civilized Government and every State in the Union will be represented at an expenditure of \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000.

At the Chicago Fair twenty-six States were represented at an estimated expenditure of \$5,000,000.

At the St. Louis World's Fair the Transportation building will cover fifteen acres of ground and will cost \$700,000.

At the Chicago Columbian Exposition the Transportation building covered nine acres of ground and cost \$369,000.

On individual buildings the St. Louis Fair shows, almost without exception, greater ground area and greater cost than were shown in Chicago.

The St. Louis Exposition has a greater number of subsidiary buildings of a class not shown in any manner at the Chicago Exposition. These include the Washington University and permanent stone buildings, a total of 192,496 square feet.

Summarized in square feet the Chicago and St. Louis buildings may be compared as follows:

Building.	CHICAGO. Net Area Covered.	ST. LOUIS. * Courts. Net Area Covered.
Mines and Metallurgy.....	245,000	None 395,542
Education	None	None 383,286
Liberal Arts	None	91,000 246,000
Manufactures	1,328,000	38,000 518,000
Electricity	267,450	40,700 290,700
Varied Industries.....	None	104,600 447,900
Machinery	684,254	None 412,800
Transportation.....	614,400	None 682,525
Art	219,840	†138,860 198,448
Horticulture	250,000	None 240,000
Agriculture.....	574,584	None 800,000
Forestry, Fish and Game.....	204,824	None 240,000
Totals.....	4,388,352	4,855,201
Service Buildings.....	43,952	192,496
Grand Totals.....	4,432,304	5,047,697

*No Courts at Chicago. †Sculpture Garden.

CARPENTERS BUSY BUILDING
DEDICATION GRAND STANDS

A large percentage of the carpenters in St. Louis are building grand stands. At the World's Fair site two enormous stands are being constructed, the one in the Liberal Arts building, where the Dedication services will be held, the other near the Administration building, where the fireworks display will take place.

In addition, speculators are erecting temporary stands upon every vacant lot adjoining Lindell avenue from Grand avenue to Forest Park. These are to be vantage points from which to view the parades.

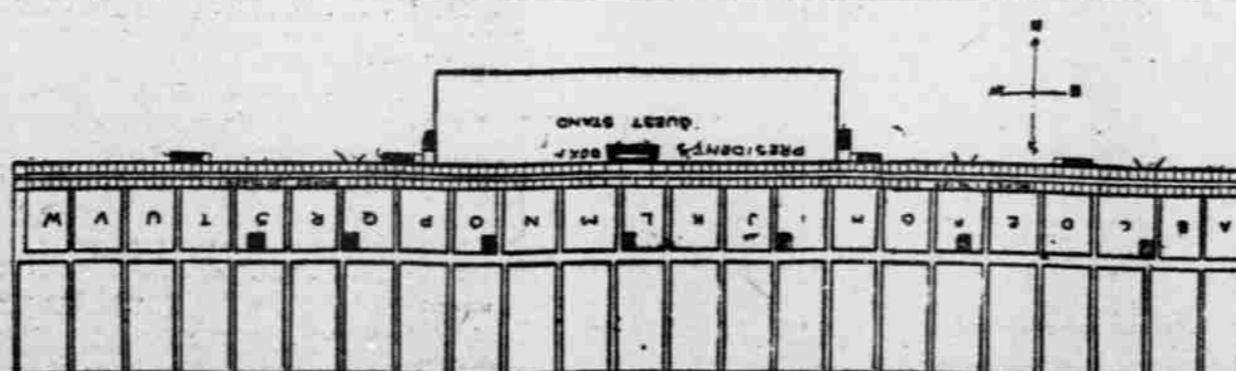
Enterprising men have rented ground space for the three days. Already the stands are approaching completion and are graced by huge signs which announce that seats, good for the three days, may be had for \$1. All these seats are to be registered and sold in advance.

Probably the largest stand ever erected in St. Louis is that built by the fireworks concessionaire.

The seating capacity is exactly 31,000, a throng which would have been a crowd even in the great Roman forum. Of this number 20,000 will find seats in the unreserved section familiarly known as the bleachers, 7,000 will be in the reserved section, 1,500 will be provided for in the boxes, and the remaining 2,000 will be in the space reserved for the guests of the Exposition Company.

The stand is 500 feet long by 183 wide. It was erected by Major T. C. Clarkson, who obtained this concession from the Fair officials. Major Clarkson guarantees that the structure is sufficiently strong to hold the thousands which are expected to flock hither to the Dedication, and who will witness the fireworks display. The plans drawn by Architect H. W. Beardsley were approved by Isaac R. Taylor, Director of Works of the Exposition, and by the city Building Commissioner.

It is urged that visitors to the fireworks display be in their seats as soon as darkness falls. The grand stand will, of course, be profusely illuminated, but at 8 o'clock all the lights will be turned off in order that the contrast may be the greater, and those who are so unfortunate as to arrive



Ground plan of the enormous grand stand, to contain 30,000 seats, from which the fireworks can be seen on the night of Dedication Day.

after this hour will find more difficulty in securing points of vantage than if they had come earlier. President Roosevelt will enter his box at 7:30.

The expense for the pyrotechnic display each evening will be \$25,000. One thousand bombs will be fired as an opening salute. Then there are fire pictures in mid-air suspended from balloons, such as the unfolding of Old Glory in ripples of tri-colored flame, the reproductions in a phosphorescent glow of the cascades, the production of fiery scenes typical of the Louisiana Purchase, the pictures in fire of prominent men and also the outlines of the great Exposition buildings.

Sections M and O of the reserved portion of the grand stand have been taken by the University Club; section L by the Country Club, and a number of other organizations have reserved spaces allotted to them.

A novelty of the first evening of the fireworks display will be a serenade to President Roosevelt by the Apollo Club of St. Louis, and they will occupy a box immediately in front of the inclosure reserved for the President, where, before the fireworks and during the intermission, they will sing popular airs.

The question of transportation to and from the Fair grounds on the nights of the displays has been definitely arranged. The Transit Company has one line running through Skinker road, which will deposit passengers within 200 feet of the grand stand, and the Suburban Company has a double-track system, permitting a half-minute schedule both from town and country, which will carry passengers to a point north of the Administration building. Two loops of the Transit Company are in operation at Forsythe Junction, and the third around the Lindell pavilion.

Lindell boulevard will be open on both nights of the fireworks display, and visitors leaving cars at Forsythe or at the pavilion will find it only a short walk from the eastern entrance of the Fair grounds to the grand stand. It is possible to walk from Union avenue, where again will be a continuous passage of cars of the Suburban line. In addition to this street car service will be that of two steam railroad lines running from Union Station, Vandeventer avenue and other points.

Trains on the Wabash Railroad will stop at Forsythe Junction, and those on the St. Louis and Colorado, which is now a branch of the Rock Island, will take passengers to within 500 feet of the grand stand. Visitors are warned not to approach the grand stand from the direction of the Clayton connection south of the Administration building, where the Olive street, and Choctaw avenue lines converge to a point.